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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 4535

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS PBOR ET SO
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA LLEGES FULL-SCALE WAR OF AGGRESSION

REF ADDIS ABABA 4511

1. REPORT OF CONVOCATION OF ADDIS DIP CORPS (REFTEL)
CARRIED BY ETHIOPIAN HERALD MORNING JULY 26 AND TEXT OF
NOTE VERBALE TO COM'S CARRIED VERBATIM.

2. ARTICLE NOTED THAT SAME MEMORANDUM WAS ALSO HANDED TO
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SENIOR OFFICIAL OF OAU AND THAT OAU SEC GEN WAS "URGENTLY"
ASKED BY TELEGRAM TO INFORM CURRENT CHAIRMAN AND ALL OAU
STATE MEMBERS OF "THE GRAVE SITUATION." EPMG WOULD KEEP
SEC GEN INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. HERALD CARRIED MOST OF
TEXT OF TELEGRAM TO OAU AS WELL, WHICH APPARENTLY SUBSTAN-
TIVELY IDENTICAL TO THAT GIVEN CHIEFS OF MISSION LESS
FINAL PARAGRAPH, PLUS ONE ADDITION WHICH APPEARS AFTER

LAST SENTENCE PARA ONE OF NOTE VERBALE. THUS, FOLLOWING THE WORDS "...THE ANNEXATION OF ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY," THERE APPEARS "DESPITE THE OAU DECISION ON THE RETENTION BY ALL MEMBER STATES OF BOUNDARIES EXISTING UPON THEIR ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE."

3. HERALD ALSO CARRIED TEXT OF PMAC STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 24 (PARA 4 REFTTEL) WHICH SAYS MUCH SAME THING DRESSED UP IN REVOLUTIONARY RHETORIC AND INCLUDES CALL FOR SUPPORT OF MOTHERLAND. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE ADDITION IS STANDARD REFERENCE TO ENCIRCLEMENT BY REACTIONARY FORCES IN "A CONSPIRACY BEING PERPETRATED WITH THE COLLUSION OF INTERNAL REACTIONARIES AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF IMPERIALISM." STATEMENT GOES ON TO SUGGEST THAT SOMALI RULING CLASSES HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF "WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO FURTHER THEIR EXPANSIONIST POLICY. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA, BELIEVING THAT THE TIME TO ATTAIN ITS EXPANSIONIST DESIGNS IS 'NOW OR NEVER' HAS THUS UNDERTAKEN AGGRESSION AND VIOLATED OUR BORDERS."

4. COMMENT: MESSAGE TO OAU AS REPORTED IN PRESS DOES NOT OF ITSELF REQUEST OAU SEC GEN TO DO MORE THAN INFORM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER STATES, ALTHOUGH EPMG FONMIN LED US TO BELIEVE DURING MEETING JULY 25 THAT EPMG WAS EXPECTING MORE FROM OAU. WE SHALL BE FOLLOWING THIS UP. REFERENCE TO "NOW OR NEVER" IN PMAC STATEMENT IS CLOSEST EPMG HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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COME TO ACKNOWLEDGING THEORY THAT SOMALIA FELT IT HAD TO DO SOMETHING NOW BEFORE PROVISION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN ARMS TO ETHIOPIA AND TRAINING OF PEASANT MILITIA BEGAN TO HAVE IMPACT ON BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.
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